

# AMERICAN CONSUL IS AIDING GERMANS TO EFFECT ESCAPE

From Russian Prison Camps  
in Certain Portions of  
Manchuria Now.

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PEKING, Jan. 29.—Russian officials and representatives of other Entente powers in Harbin, have found much fault with the way the United States has administered war relief to Germans and Austrians in the portions of Manchuria close to Harbin. Complaints have been made that Charles K. Moser, the American consul at Harbin, has rendered assistance to German prisoners who escaped from Russian prison camps.

The American position in administering relief to Germans and Austrians in Harbin is that Harbin is Chinese territory, and consequently United States officials, as neutrals, are under obligation to administer to the wants of all Germans and Austrians who are in need, regardless of what part they have taken in the war.

Mr. Moser recently paid a visit to Peking, and discussed the relief work at Harbin with Dr. Reinsch, the American minister, and Chinese officials. The Chinese have never taken a firm position in their resistance of the capture of Germans and Austrians who escape from Siberia into Manchuria, and it is not likely that they will do so. German prisoners who have escaped into Mongolia and Manchuria have frequently been recaptured on Chinese soil by Russian soldiers and taken back into Russian territory. Escaped prisoners have been even seized at Mukden and taken from railway trains.

The German and Austrian legations in Peking have protested against China's failure to protect the subjects of these two countries on neutral soil, but without results.

Ever since the opening of Harbin to foreign trade, its status has been much disputed by the Russians. At first they insisted that the treaty port was located on the river a number of miles from the present city. This position was not concurred in by the United States and other powers. When the United States consulate was first opened at Harbin, some ten years ago, representatives of the United States suffered many indignities, and efforts were made to discourage the development of Harbin as a treaty port. Russia, however, maintains a consul at Harbin and by so doing has justified in a measure the action of other powers.

A constant effort has always been made by Russia to discourage the idea that the present city of Harbin is Chinese territory. Being such an important center on the trans-Siberian railway, the Russians have always endeavored to maintain as strong a hold as possible upon the city. Without actually declaring their ownership, they have endeavored to create the impression that Harbin is Russian territory.

Until the opening of the present war they were strenuously opposed in this position by other European powers. However, with the entrance of the Entente into the struggle against Germany and its allies, Great Britain and France have changed their attitudes somewhat because of the questions directly connected with the wars which have arisen in China. Neutrals who desire to continue in trade in Manchuria and Mongolia, and who have no part in the disputes arising over the war problems have shown no disposition to acquiesce in the Russian position.

## HARVARD MAN

Who Did Great Work in Japan  
is Dead in the City of  
Tokio Now.

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TOKIO, Jan. 29.—Hosts of American friends as well as Japanese are paying tribute to the memory of Baron Chokichi Kikkawa, who died here recently. Baron Kikkawa, who was a graduate of Harvard University, did much to create a broader mutual understanding between Japan and the United States. He was one of the founders of the Harvard Club of Japan and one of the organizers of the movement to send Japanese professors to Harvard to give a course of lectures on Japanese life and philosophy.

Baron Kikkawa is a descendant of a feudal lord of Choshu, prominent in the days of Hideyoshi, the "Napoleon of Japan." He was one of the most noted members of the house of peers and was an authority on finance. For some years he was attached to the foreign office and at one time served as secretary of the embassy at Berlin. The Harvard Club sent a delegation to his funeral.

# RITCHIE COUNTY NEWS IS TOLD

In a Breezy Letter from the  
Sunday Telegram's Correspondent  
at Ellenboro.

ELLENBORO, Jan. 29.—Mrs. E. A. Corbin and little daughter, Nadine, of Ellenboro, and Mrs. Frank Law and daughter, Miss Bessie, of Denver, Colo., who visited the Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Law at Webster Springs, returned here Wednesday evening.

Carson Post, a traveling salesman, who has been confined to his home with an attack of grippe, is able to resume his duties with the Hicks and Hoge Dry Goods Company. His wife, who has been seriously ill, is improving slowly.

Benjamin Hornor, an oil well pumper, who resides on Market street, is very ill of pneumonia.

The viewers appointed by the court to assess the damages for the proposed new county road that will connect the lower Bond creek country with Ellenboro, by way of No. 10 tunnel, have gone over the ground and allowed Harrison Ball \$200 damages, and the road will be opened to the public as soon as possible.

Owing to there being so much sickness in this neighborhood, the Rev. T. N. McCarty has closed the series of meetings he had been holding in the Methodist Episcopal church, and may continue them later in the year.

Mrs. Perry A. Strickler and three children, Elizabeth, Scott and Nellie, are seriously ill of grippe.

Mrs. Joseph G. Dawson and daughter, Jean, were guests of Mrs. Arthur V. Harsha at Cairo Wednesday.

The Ritchie County Orchard Company held its annual stockholders' meeting at Pennsboro last Tuesday. The following directors were elected: Thomas Lambert, E. J. McKinley, Jay E. Cunningham and Clara Cunningham, of Pennsboro; the Rev. Mr. Crummett, of Middlebourne, and S. T. Smith, of West Union. The directors elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Thos. Lambert; vice president, E. J. McKinley; secretary-treasurer, Jay E. Cunningham. The company owns 190 acres of mountain land near Keyser, Mineral county, in the heart of the great fruit belt, and during the last year gathered nearly 3,000 baskets of fine peaches from its land the first year.

E. C. Rider, a prominent resident of Sutton, Braxton county, who is a candidate for the office of attorney general on the Republican ticket, was a visitor here this week, looking over the political situation.

Mrs. John Cookman and daughter, Miss Eugenia, of Clarksburg, were called here this week on account of the illness of the former's mother, Mrs. Andrew Moats, of Harrisville.

After a wait of nineteen years, that sly old bird, the stork, paid a visit to the home of Attorney Robert S. Blair, the well known Democratic politician at Harrisville, last Saturday morning, and left a pretty six-pound daughter, Col. Blair and his estimable wife are receiving the congratulations of many friends.

F. A. Wagner, insurance agent, has returned from a business visit to Burnsville and West Union.

E. C. Snodgrass has returned to Harrisville from an extended visit with his daughter, Mrs. Helen Duty, of Clarksburg.

R. E. L. Frymeyer is moving the rig from the Sylvan Keith farm to the J. S. Pierpont farm, where he will drill for oil.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wagner and children, of Mineral, Harrison county, have returned to their homes.

The name of Col. Mike K. Duty, the prominent Pennsboro lawyer, is being mentioned as a possible candidate for the state Senate from this district. Col. Duty is a sterling Republican, a legislator of ability, and no better selection could be made for this highly important office.

A farmers' club was organized at Harrisville recently, and the following officers were elected: I. F. Knight, president; M. B. Cunningham, vice president; L. L. Cokerley, secretary. The object of the club will be the promotion of the farming and stock raising interests of the county.

E. L. Meters and Charles Hawkins, of Harrisville, have returned from a visit to Mount Clemens, Mich., where they took the baths for malaria and rheumatism.

John W. Rinker, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad agent at Ellenboro, returned Wednesday evening from Washington, D. C., where he spent a ten days' vacation with his parents.

Thomas A. Watson, of Monongah, 83 years young, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Newton Smith, of Cairo.

Mr. and Mrs. John Trainer, of Cairo, have returned from a month's visit to relatives at Blair, Neb.

The first test for the common school diplomas will be held at the various principal schools throughout the county on February 3 and 4, by order of the county superintendent of schools, R. B. Cokerley.

Miss Minnie Kendall Lowther, the well known newspaper woman and authoress of the "History of Ritchie County," says there are less than seventy-five copies of this valuable book for sale. Any one desiring a

copy may address her at Harrisville, enclosing \$2.25, and a copy will be delivered.

Mrs. James Blaine Underwood delightfully entertained the members of the Ellenboro Social Club Thursday evening, at her home in the Lacy addition. A clever contest was a diversion of the evening, in which the guests were obliged to name some forty-five things our grandmothers missed a half century ago. The prizes were won by Mrs. James Wilson and Mrs. Hugh J. Scott, of Pennsboro. The house was prettily decorated, white and pink being the color scheme followed. At a late hour the clever hostess served a dainty lunch, consisting of cold chicken, cake and leas. Those who enjoyed this pleasant affair were Mesdames Day Isner, Otta Kimball Wigner, James Wilson, Joseph Gallaher Dawson, Alex. Gilmour Strickler, Bennaville Perry Drey, Charles Leslie Boyer, Hugh James Scott and Harry Harper Dawson, of Pennsboro, the latter three ladies being guests of honor.

Mrs. M. D. Smith, of Lost Creek, and Mrs. A. D. Jackson, of Jane Lew, are guests of Mrs. J. B. Wilson, at Pennsboro this week.

Miss Genevieve Collins and Mrs. Mary Halcher, of Pennsboro, are in Clarksburg this week, guests of Miss Collins's sister, Mrs. H. F. Smith.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the West Virginia Heat and Light Company, held at the company's office in Pennsboro, on January 25, the following directors and officers were elected: Bert Bradford, J. O. Lacy, G. P. Sigler, B. H. Hall, C. W. Elder, Tom G. Strickler, M. S. McCullough, E. E. Wells and H. J. Scott, directors. President, Tom G. Strickler; vice president and treasurer, E. E. Wells; secretary, H. J. Scott.

E. T. Fleming, one of the prominent farmers of the Whiskey run section, and Mrs. Mary Jamison, were married recently.

Thomas Ellsworth Dye, of Marietta, O., a former prominent resident of Pike, Ritchie county, died Friday at his home near Marietta, from tuberculosis. Mr. Dye was a large land owner in Ritchie county, and married Miss Corlie Rogers, of Ellenboro, who survives him.

R. F. Deffenbaugh left Friday for a visit with his family at Columbus, O.

# BUCKHANNON GLASS PLANT SHUTS DOWN

For Repairs and Employees Are  
Trown Out of Work for  
Several Days.

BUCKHANNON, Jan. 29.—The Equitable window glass factory located in the Liggett addition closed down at midnight Tuesday for repairs, and the men were out of work the rest of the week and possibly a day or two longer. The blocks of the glass tank are to be re-set and this will take the biggest part of a week. The factory is running at a profit this year and delays like this mean a loss to the proprietors as well as the employees.

Roscoe Wright has returned from a short business trip to Connellsville.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lorentz, Tuesday morning and left a fine baby girl.

Miss Ernestine Forman is visiting her brother, Bayard, at Burnsville.

Worth Shumaker and Guy Morrison of Wesleyan's basketball aggregation spent Sunday with friends in Wheeling.

Miss Virginia Cooper, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Julia Ruth.

Miss Virginia Post and Miss Smith spent Sunday in Weston.

Miss Julia Ruth and guest, Miss Virginia Cooper, were at Clarksburg last week.

J. B. Young is spending a few days in Chicago learning some new things about the eyes.

Mrs. R. T. Crowley is very ill with grippe.

R. B. Cody, of Elkins, was in town Monday.

E. W. Martin was at West Union last week.

Miss Maureen Carter, of Salem, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Hannah.

S. O. Forqueran, lay missionary in charge of the Episcopal church here, is in Fairmont attending the winter meeting of the northwestern convocation.

Harold Hodges, son of Thomas E. Hodges, of Morgantown, and Miss Vesta Bernhard, of Charleston, were married last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Leonard and son, Robert, of Weaverville, N. C., are visiting his mother, Mrs. Matilda Leonard, of Smithfield street.

Ansel Hughes, who formerly lived here, but now of Clarksburg, is quite sick at his home in the latter city.

Dr. Grimm, accompanied by Everett Westfall, left for Clarksburg Wednesday to administer to the sufferer.

J. B. ROSS  
Jeweler

# Greatest of All Furniture Sales at the Economy Furniture Store

When all other furniture stores in Clarksburg were making a noise about clearance sales, we were on the lookout to buy more. Because this is the time when manufacturers are ready to take their losses. We were successful in landing several BIG BUYS. A large store full of reliable, desirable, seasonable and wanted furniture at prices that will march these goods out quickly. THIS SALE OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE SUPREME. This is a genuine sale, with genuine bargains on good quality FURNITURE, STOVES, RUGS, ETC.

The selections in everything you need are vast and varied and we mention only a few items owing to advertising space. Come on, you folks, that are always talking cash. Your money will be well invested if you attend this great sale. You will get your money's worth and a great deal more.

Cut this out and bring it with you, so you can compare the goods with the prices below.

\$ 5.00 Iron Beds, for .....	\$ 2.98	7.50 Blankets, for .....	4.79
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12.00 Iron Beds, for .....	6.98	25.00 Stoves, for .....	15.98
12.00 Brass Beds, for .....	6.98	35.00 Stoves, for .....	19.89
20.00 Brass Beds, for .....	11.98	50.00 Stoves, for .....	35.89
25.00 Brass Beds, for .....	15.98	1.50 Chairs, for .....	98c
35.00 Brass Beds, for .....	22.89	2.00 Chairs, for .....	1.29
5.00 Springs, for .....	2.98	2.50 Chairs, for .....	1.49
7.00 Springs, for .....	3.98	4.00 Chairs, for .....	1.98
8.00 Springs, for .....	4.79	20.00 Buffets, for .....	12.98
4.50 Mattresses, for .....	2.79	35.00 Buffets, for .....	19.79
6.50 Mattresses, for .....	4.98	12.00 Dressers, for .....	7.89
8.50 Mattresses, for .....	5.89	15.00 Dressers, for .....	8.98
15.00 Mattresses, for .....	8.79	20.00 Dressers, for .....	12.98
20.00 Mattresses, for .....	11.98	25.00 Dressers, for .....	14.79
12.00 Tables, for .....	6.98	35.00 Dressers, for .....	21.89
20.00 Tables, for .....	11.89	7.50 9x12 Rug, for .....	4.39
25.00 Tables, for .....	13.78	20.00 9x12 Rug, for .....	14.89
4.00 Rockers, for .....	2.48	35.00 9x12 Rug, for .....	21.73
5.00 Rockers, for .....	3.49	3.00 Pictures, for .....	98c
10.00 Rockers, for .....	5.69	5.00 Pictures, for .....	1.69
20.00 Rockers, for .....	12.98	35.00 Davenport, for .....	21.98
5.00 Blankets, for .....	2.98	45.00 Davenport, for .....	28.69

Remember this is all new and up-to-date goods and are offered at the above prices to cash buyers only. This sale will strike at every point. All Harrison and adjoining counties will be interested. One glance at the prices above will show you that the price saving is very large. It is an occasion of great benefit to economically inclined housekeepers for the values in every instance are bona-fide. Enthusiasm will run high when the throngs see and examine the articles on sale at our store.

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By C. L. Watkins, of New Martinsville.

The proper safeguarding of our American childhood is of paramount importance, especially that part of childhood whom through necessity have been obliged to toil in the factories of our country, due to the failure of a number of our states to pass a mother's compensation law and other badly needed legislation. Two million children in this country are at work while other children play or go to school. Two million children sacrificed to greed! These child victims are working for us.

They are working for me. They are working for you. The Child's Comment. I'm only a little sparrow. A bird of low degree; My life is of little value. But the Lord cares for me. The National Child Labor Committee, of New York City, is a purely philanthropic organization formed to secure and enforce legislation that will stamp out this enormous evil. Much has already been accomplished. Several states have enacted laws as a result of the committee's agitation. The committee is struggling to save millions of children from the stunted bodies and blighted minds caused by industrial slavery.

A Child in Slavery. Poor little Joe is now sixteen. Yes employed in a glass factory. For six years no pleasure has seen, What a curse this child labor be. Yes, his shoulders are bent. Face so colorless and white. His young life nearly spent. Oh, mother's, a shocking sight. His life work is nearly done. Yet he labors for you and me. And is some poor mother's son. A child in industrial slavery.

If little Joe were your boy, Would this continue to be, Or would he leap for joy By giving him his liberty? If you had a boy at work in a coal mine or glass factory, or girl at work in a cotton mill, I am sure you would be grateful to those who are trying to save them.

The National Child Labor Committee will hold its annual conference at Asheville, N. C., February 3-6, 1916. State health, factory inspection and school officers have been invited to attend, also the governor of each state.

It is well known that if we destroy or blight our childhood, that we also destroy and blight our man and womanhood—the child of today is the adult of tomorrow, on the shoulders of whom rest the responsibility of good citizenship and government. Thousands of children are employed at low wages in the coal mines, glass factories and cotton mills of our country today and who would be much better off in school, although the writer is opposed to our present school system—suffice to say here that the courses of study are all theory, the student learns theory only and they are crowded and crammed with this so fast that they have no time to apply theory to actual and practical tests, even if the board of education would awaken to the necessity of providing an opportunity for the practical application of the theories taught. It would be advisable, I should think, to have the National Child Labor Committee investigate our present school system at the coming Asheville conference. I am inclined to think that an investigation would show our school system running in a parallel and dangerous rut alongside the mine and factory system.

The American citizen claims to possess the loftiest ideals of any nation on earth—the writer believes these claims to be well founded and trust that they may be maintained—we must seek congenial surroundings for our American childhood in work, study and play, we must safeguard them, as our childhood is the fountain head of our citizenship which we must protect to the best of our ability. We must guard anything and everything that would tend to destroy it, or even weaken it.

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